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SUBJ: VISIT BY BERNARD A BRIDGEWATER, OMB

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1. DURING VISIT HERE MARCH 26-30, BRIDGEWATER PURSUED BUSY SCHEDULE OF MEETINGS WITH SENIOR ISRAELIS. MAJOR PART OF DISCUSSIONS WAS WITH DEFENSE AND FINANCE OFFICIALS, INCLUDING BREAKFAST MEETING WITH FINMIN SAPIR. HE UNABLE TO SEE DEFMIN DAYAN BECAUSE OF HIS TRIP TO WASHINGTON, BUT DIRGEN IRONI AND OTHER TOP OFFICIALS IN MINDEF MET WITH HIM. SCHEDULE INCLUDED BRIEFINGS AT ISRAELI AIRCRAFT INDUSTRY, ISRAEL MILITARY INDUSTRIES, AND MILITARY BRIEFING BY CHIEF OF MILITARY INTELLIGENCE. HE ALSO VISITED JERUSALEM, AND GOLAN HEIGHTS WHERE HE WAS BRIEFED ON CURRENT SITUATION ON SYRIAN FRONT. AMBASSADOR KEATING HOSTED LUNCH IN BRIDGEWATER'S HONOR. GOI GUESTS INCLUDED SAPIR.

2. IN DISCUSSING ISRAELI DEFENSE NEEDS IN MINDEF, BRIDGEWATER REFERRED TO MILITARY EQUIPMENT REQUEST LIST NOT BEFORE USG AND ASKED FOR BREAKDOWN INTO
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FOLLOWING CATEGORIES: REPLACEMENT, STOCKPILING,

AND MIDERNIZATION. IRONI PROMISED TO PREPARE
BREAKDOWN WITHIN FEW DAYS AND TRANSMIT IT TO
BRIDGEWATER VIA EMBASSY DAO.
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